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Joey Del Ponte
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Re: NIH FOI Case No. 47956

Dear Mr. Del Ponte:

This is the final response to your March 6, 2018, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request addressed to the Freedom of Information (FOIA) Office, National Institutes of Health (NIH), which was perfected and received in this office on May 31, 2018. You requested all documents relating to the practice of changing an individuals' sexual orientation or gender identity through therapy, specifically any reports, spreadsheets, PowerPoint presentations, memoranda, studies, directives, press releases, academic publications, presentation notes, communications and internal emails containing the phrases "Conversion Therapy," "Sexual Orientation Change Efforts (SOCE)," "Gay Conversion Therapy," "Ex-Gay Therapy," and/or "Same-Sex Attraction (SSA) Therapy."

We queried the NIH Sexual and Gender Minority Research Office (SGMRO) and no records responsive to your request were located.

Please be advised that records that may be responsive to your request are maintained by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and if you would like to contact that office to submit a FOIA request, please do so using the following contact information:

SAMHSA
5600 Fishers Lane
Room 18E13A
Rockville, MD 20857
Phone: 240-276-2327
foia@samhsa.hhs.gov

While we believe that an adequate search of appropriate files was conducted for the records you requested, you have the right to appeal this determination that no records exist which would be responsive to your request. Should you wish to do so, your appeal must be sent within ninety (90) days of the date of this letter, following the procedures outlined in Subpart F of the HHS FOIA Regulations (<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2016/10/28/2016-25684/freedom-of-information-regulations>) to:

Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Agency Chief FOIA Officer
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs
Room 729H
200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
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Clearly mark both the envelope and your letter "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."
If you are not satisfied with the processing and handling of this request you may contact the NIH FOIA Public Liaison and/or the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS):

NIH FOIA Public Liaison

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In certain circumstances provisions of the FOIA and HHS FOIA Regulations allow us to recover part of the cost of responding to your request. Because no unusual circumstances apply to the processing of your request, there is no charge associated with our response.

If you have any questions about this response please call me at 301-496-5633.

Sincerely,



Gorka Garcia-Malene
Freedom of Information Officer, NIH